

NEW CITY COUNCIL MADE APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL OFFICERS

LONG LIST OF APPOINTEES WERE PLACED IN LINE OF SERVICE

A special meeting of the common council was called to order Monday evening to consider the appointing of officers and placing of contracts, etc., for the coming year. The matter of first consideration was the appointing of a city attorney.

The applications of Fred L. Warner and I. L. Hubbell were received. I. L. Hubbell was elected, with Crawford and Totten casting the dissenting votes. When the vote for the appointment of a city marshal, street and poor commissioner came up, Jas. Meglin was given the place again on unanimous vote.

A unanimous vote was recorded to extend the term of W. S. Lamberton as a member of the auditing board until May 1, 1917 and that of W. B. Reed until May 1, 1919. E. E. Fales was made a member of the Water Board for three years and A. M. Hall for one year, both by unanimous vote.

George E. Wagner was appointed a member of the library board by unanimous vote. Mayor Knapp then appointed Alderman Verne R. Brown as mayor pro tem and his appointment was confirmed. Glenn E. Wortley was named a member of the park board for three years.

An application from Marjory Orr was received asking for the appointment as health officer. The appointment of a health officer was tabled until the next meeting. Jason Platt was re-appointed night watchman. Elmer E. Cook was retained as city teamster and janitor of the city hall at the same salary.

Mayor Knapp authorized the members of the purchasing committee to visit the home of the late Chester M. Slayton and inspect the collection of relics and curios. It is the desire of the heirs that the collection be given to the city in trust.

Fire Chief Wess Porter reported the election of the following officers in his department: Chief, Wess Porter; assistant chief, Ollie Taft, captain of hose wagon, Dennis Hogan; captain of hook and ladder wagon, Frank Klock. The report was confirmed.

Mayor Knapp instructed the ways and means committee to ask for bids on printing the council proceedings and other notices and to report at the regular meeting next Friday evening. The officers of the Board of Commerce appeared before the council in the interest of boulevard lights. President Hall as spokesman gave some figures showing the present financial standing of the city and urged as the desire of the board that sufficient money be appropriated to place the lights along the business streets. C. D. Weter Wortley also presented angles to the proposition. No action was taken by the council, except to table it for future consideration.

LADIES' CLUB MET WITH MRS. HENRY PATTERSON

On Thursday, April 27 the regular meeting of the Ladies' Literary Exchange Club was held at the home of Mrs. H. Patterson, this being the appointed date for the annual meeting. Election of officers for the year 1916-17 resulted as follows: President, Mrs. Lola Lamberton; first vice-president, Mrs. Mary L. Smith; second vice-president, Mrs. Hattie Little; recording secretary, Mrs. Myrtle Unger; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Florence Spicer; treasurer, Mrs. Sarah Wagner; custodian, Miss Marguerite Lamb; librarian, Mrs. Maude Foster.

At the conclusion of the business meeting light refreshments were served by the committee in charge. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Mabel Spencer Thursday afternoon, May 11.

ORLEANS FARMER WON BRIDE FROM THIS CITY

Miss Ella Armour last Tuesday evening became the bride of Warren Crane of Orleans. The ceremony was performed at the Central M. E. parsonage at eight-thirty by Rev. W. E. Doty. The couple were accompanied to the altar by Mrs. Forest Fish and Mrs. Wm. Orser.

Miss Armour is well-known in Belding as the daughter of the late Dr. A. M. Armour. She has been a constant employee of the Richardson Silk company for many years. Mr. Crane is well and favorably known in Orleans township and in this city, having resided on a farm southeast of here for many years.

As an appreciation of her companionship in the silk mills Mrs. Crane's associate employees of the mill gave her a large handsome chest of silverware containing a complete service. In addition they gave her a handsome carving set in an elegant case.

Mr. and Mrs. Crane left immediately following the wedding ceremony for Grand Rapids and Detroit on their honeymoon. They will reside on the farm near Orleans.

F. & A. M. Communication
Special communication of Belding Lodge No. 355 F. & A. M. Friday evening, May 5 for work in the F. C. degree. All brothers welcome.
J. B. Cook, W. M.

NOTICE

We, the undersigned, will close our offices each Wednesday p. m., beginning May 10 and ending October 25, inclusive.

J. H. Armstrong, D. D. S.
G. F. Smith, D. D. S.
G. H. Millard, D. D. S.
O. N. Wilton, D. D. S.

DIARY OF C. M. SLAYTON TELLS OF ARMY LIFE

In another column of the Banner this week will be found an article taken from the "Diary" of the late Chester M. Slayton. In it he tells of the actual experiences of Camp Nelson when he was there during the Civil war. Mr. Slayton kept a complete diary while in the war and also for many years after. The Banner now has the books and will print interesting items from them from time to time. The books are well written in ink and with an easy hand. The incidents are related in an interesting manner and are well worth anyone's time to read.

COST OF BIG DRAIN WILL BE LESS THAN HAD BEEN EXPECTED

COST TO LAND OWNERS IN IONIA COUNTY WILL BE ONLY \$6,000

County Surveyor D. C. Crawford returned from Barry county the latter part of the week, after assisting in awarding the contract for building the Little Thornapple drain. He was associated with Drain Commissioner Shafer of Kent county and Special Drain Commissioner George Burgess of Barry. The latter presided.

There were eighteen bidders at the meeting held at Carlton Center, April 25, when the contract was awarded. The bids started at \$11 a rod and were reduced until the job was finally awarded at \$5.75 per rod. The drain is 13 1/2 miles long, and will cost a total of \$24,955. The successful bidders were Weage & Tyler of Coldwater. They were enabled to bid so low because their dredging machinery is now being used along Gun river, just west of Gun lake and the transportation to the new job will be slight.

Mr. Crawford will go to Lake Odessa next Saturday to help spread the tax roll. The total cost to Ionia county landowners will be \$6,000. The assessable property is now held in 433 descriptions.

The drain will cost about \$15,000 less than had been anticipated. For this reason farmers and others affected are highly elated over the award. The big ditch has been a cause for contention for the past ten years. It will be of untold benefit to the land lying within the drain district.

John Wright Is Buried

The body of John Wright was brought here for burial last Friday by his brother-in-law, William Lewis from St. Johns, where Mr. Wright died.

The deceased was a son of the late Fred Wright, who is buried in the cemetery here. Mr. Lewis and the Wrights were residents here about eighteen years ago, since which time Mr. Lewis has resided near St. Johns.

MANUFACTURER OF BELDING WAS TAKEN BY DEATH

E. J. KNAPP, FOUNDER OF PROM- INENT ROOFING PAINT COM- PANY CALLED

The death of Eliud J. Knapp, father of Mayor Clyde A. Knapp, occurred at the family residence, 821 South Broad street Saturday morning. Since his return from the South several weeks ago his health has not been good and although given the best of attendance and treated by skilled physicians and nurses, he gradually grew worse until relieved of his suffering by the sleep that knows no waking.



ELIUD J. KNAPP

The deceased has been a resident of this city for the past 23 years, locating here after a number of years service on the road as a commercial traveler. His last work in that line being the sale of paints and varnishes. His earlier employment taking him to foreign countries, where he was a successful and competent salesman.

After his removal here he began the manufacture and sale of Wolverine Elastic Paint, the formula of which he secured and by persistent work and sticking to it often under discouraging conditions, the business has grown to large proportions and is (Continued on Page Four)

Clean Up Day

To the People of Michigan

Each spring we enjoy a "CLEAN UP DAY" in our State. A day which is designated by the State Fire Marshal as one which the people of Michigan shall devote to the cleaning up of their premises.

Last year the people of our state entered into the spirit of the occasion with fine zest. This spring May 10 has been selected as clean up day by the state fire marshal and he has every reason to believe that citizens and officials will extend the same cooperation that they did a year ago.

Let's make this a big day.
First, we will get busy with the winter accumulation of rubbish and collect and destroy it.

You say "WHY?"
Because statistics show that one-third of the deaths of persons under 40 years of age are caused by diseases contracted from filth.

Because a pile of rubbish encourages a conflagration.

Secondly, we will look around the house, the barn and the store.

Perhaps we will find a winter's supply of old newspapers or magazines, maybe we will discover that our wiring needs attention, there is a chance that our methods of storing gasoline or kerosene demands correction, probably we will discover that our furnace or stove pipes and chimneys need cleaning or repairing to be made safe.

Then we will turn our attention to the exterior of our buildings.

A bad roof or dilapidated building is a menace to all adjoining property. The clean up day should be made a repair or tear down day also. This will be just the time to investigate our school house or public halls. Are they equipped with fire escapes, and are they safe?

We can all help make clean up day count for something.

Mr. Public Official, you can help by calling attention to the day, by boosting it and by giving it your official attention. School Teacher, you can help by asking your pupils to participate in the fire prevention spirit of the day.

Fire Chief, you can lead in the preparations for the day with your advice and encouragement.

Housewife, you know how to clean house and you can be of great value in the campaign.

Every citizen and householder can enlist both in the planning for the day and the execution of the plans.

Every citizen who is interested in beautifying our state, in the preservation of health and in the reduction of the fire waste of fire prevention is requested to set aside May 10 as a "Clean up day" and to assist in making it a success.

JOHN T. WINSHIP,

Ex-Officio State Fire Marshal.

Lansing, Michigan, April 15, 1916.

Belding's Clean Up Week

Mayor C. A. Knapp has designated May 10 as "CLEAN UP DAY" in Belding. The schools will make all next week "CLEAN UP WEEK." Let every citizen of Belding cooperate with Mayor

Knapp, the schools and with the state fire marshal in doing everything possible next week to make Belding a cleaner city and a safer place in which to live. Remove the rubbish and in its stead plant flowers or grass.

LOCAL HIGH TEAM PINCHED GAME FROM PEWAMO BY ONE RUN

Belding high won its third straight game of the season last Wednesday when they took a seven-inning game from Stanton high 4-2. Belding tucked the game safely away and a couple of two-baggers by Soules and Hudnutt netted the locals three runs. Altenburg pitched a good game for the home team allowing only six hits and getting seven strike-outs.

On Saturday the boys took the third game in the county championship series from Pewamo high in what was probably the fastest game ever put up by a local high school team. For eleven innings the two teams battled neither side being able to put across a run. In the last of the eleventh inning, Belding won in a sensational manner. Soules, first man up in the eleventh got on by an error of Pewamo's third baseman, and went to second on an overthrow. Hudnutt followed with a nice bingle which was good for two bases and Soules scored the winning run from second. Both teams played excellent ball but the visitors were unable to cope with Francisco's delivery, while the locals got nine hits off Moore. While Francisco was given gilt-edged support, much of the credit should be given him. After Brum, the first baseman up in the first inning secured a single, not another hit was registered against the local twirler throughout the game. Francisco allowed swings and laid down their bats.

Score 1234567891011—R H E
Belding .00000000001—1 9 2
Pewamo .00000000000—0 1 2

Batteries for Belding, Francisco and Jersey. Pewamo, Moore and Brum. Umpire, Dunham.

BELDING COUPLE WERE MARRIED AT LOWELL

Theodore Kiskey and Miss Mildred Waite were married in Lowell at the Congregational parsonage by Rev. W. H. Lash Saturday afternoon.

The bride and groom, who are among the most popular young people of our city, have managed to keep their friends very busy guessing when the event would occur for the last year or more. Mr. Kiskey built a fine bungalow a few months ago and his friends thought sure he would get married at once. Miss Waite wouldn't slip a word to her nearest friends and relatives in regard to the joyful day and kept them in great suspense.

Saturday they jumped into an automobile and the groom drove straight to Lowell. After the ceremony was pronounced Mr. and Mrs. Kiskey came home by way of Grand Rapids and are very snugly and comfortably settled in the new home which was all furnished ready to receive them. They are now at home to all their friends and are receiving many congratulations.

Demonstrator Coming

A representative of the Joy Distributing Company of Detroit will be here all next week to demonstrate the company's manicure methods. Outfits will be sold at greatly reduced prices. Read Jensen & Wheeler's ad for particulars.

CHARLES BROAS WAS BURIED HERE

Charles Broas, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Levi Broas and brother of Mrs. Kate Hill and Mrs. Belle Mann of this city, died at the Battle Creek sanitarium last Friday. He had been sick for some time at his home in Lansing and was taken to the sanitarium for treatment only a few days before his death.

Mr. Broas was born here in 1853 at the old homestead and was 63 years old at the time of his death. After his marriage to Mary Collins in Orleans he went to Howard City and entered the mercantile business, later moving to Lansing, where he has since resided.

His remains were brought here Saturday and funeral service was held at the old home Monday at 1:30 o'clock, with the interment in Riverside cemetery. Rev. A. J. Blair of the Congregational church officiated and Mrs. C. B. Hill of Lake Odessa, sang.

Relatives from out of the city present were: Mr. and Mrs. Just Broas, Bay City; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Collins, Otsego; W. H. Collins and J. C. Collins and their wives of Howard City; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fowler, Detroit; Chas. B. Hill and wife, Lake Odessa, and Mrs. Sherwood of Palo. His wife and daughter survive him.

HEARTS WERE UNITED IN IONIA, SATURDAY

The marriage of Miss Theda Sloan and Mr. Ira Johnson took place in Ionia last Saturday at the residence of Rev. C. E. Hoag, who performed the ceremony, which united the hearts and fortunes of the young couple.

Mr. Ernest Eggleston and Miss Louella Johnson accompanied the bride and groom and acted as best man and bridesmaid.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. George Mumby and both she and her husband have many friends in the city. On last Saturday night they were surprised with a miscellaneous shower at the Mumby home, about fifty being present and more than a clothes basket full of housekeeping utensils were given them.

"TAKE OUT MY WANT AD" MORE BANNER SERVICE

"Take out my Want Ad." This was the word that came over the phone to us Monday morning from Frank Daniels of Keene and Mark Brown of this city. Last week they inserted a "Wanted" advertisement in the Banner for some help. Before many hours the Banner, with its intensive circulation both in the city and country, had found, among many inquiries, just the party for the job.

Have you read the Want Column this week? Maybe your pocketbook is advertised, maybe you want that horse, maybe someone wants your help or maybe there is numerous chances for you to better yourself or make money. The habit of reading Banner want ads is a profitable habit. Everybody reads it.

Pleasing to Grandparents

A very pleasing telegram came to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer E. Fales last week, announcing the arrival of another fine girl at the home of their son, Palmer Fales in Portland, Oregon, April 27.

C. M. SLAYTON WRITES INTERESTING STORY OF CAMP NELSON

The following written up from his diary by the late C. M. Slayton and found among his papers of his army experience at Camp Nelson is interesting:

Engineers' Dept., Camp Nelson, Ky., January 1st, 1864.

Thus commenced the second diary that I wrote while in the army.

Most of those in the south as well as those at home will remember the cold New Year's. It had been rainy the day before, and in the evening we were sitting in our tent without coat or vest on reading, when all of a sudden about eight o'clock the wind struck us from the northwest, blew the smoke down the stove pipe and into the tent so we were obliged to take the fire all out of the stove and throw it out doors.

We put on our coats and overcoats but could not keep warm and in half an hour crawled into bed with overcoats for extra covering. We could not keep warm or sleep as the tent flies made such a noise. Reports were current the next day of men and mules being found frozen to death.

We were somewhat amused by one of our workmen who thought he could mitigate the temperature by the help of a little "commissary." He came to my brother for an order on the commissary sergeant for the desired beverage. He wrote him a line wishing the sergeant a "Happy New Year," so the man, not being able to read or write, departed happy. In an hour he returned saying that the message wouldn't get any whiskey for him. Another "order" apparently was written, but not being in military style, the sergeant refused to fill it and the man started on a four-mile tramp where he thought he could get it without an order. Whether or not he got it or had to go to bed sober, we did not learn.

As Camp Nelson is not a very noted place, no battles having been fought there, perhaps you would like to know where it is and why we were there. The railroad running south from Cincinnati towards Knoxville, Tenn., terminates at Nickotville, 12 miles south of Lexington, or 113 miles from the Ohio river. Six miles south of Nickotville, where the pike crossed the Kentucky river, a camp or depot was established as the base of supplies for the Army of Eastern Tennessee.

The camp covered some four square miles of hills, valleys, rocks, rivers and creeks, and had to be well fortified to be safe against attacks from the enemy.

We, my brother Asa and myself, arrived here the 4th day of December, 1863; he to oversee the building of (Continued on Page Six)

Special Announcements
On page nine this week you will find automobile news of interest to every owner or prospective owner of an automobile. Don't fail to see page nine.

Girls! Girls! Girls! Don't Forget
Leap year party at K. of P. hall Thursday evening, May 11.—adv.

EIGHTH DISTRICT NAMES DELEGATE AT LARGE

The eighth congressional district republican convention was held in Owosso last Friday with a large attendance of delegates from Ionia, Montcalm and the other counties in the district.

The convention endorsed Gen. Fred W. Green for delegate at large to the republican national convention in Chicago, June 7.

W. H. Wallace of Saginaw and J. W. McCall of Ithaca were chosen district delegates and J. C. Brady of Saginaw elector.

Brinton F. Hall, Fred A. Washburn, Fred L. Warner and W. L. Cusser were in attendance from this city.

EASTERN STAR HELD AN IMPORTANT MEETING TUESDAY

OFFICERS WERE INSTALLED BY GRAND WORTHY MATRON— ALSO INITIATION

Doric Chapter No. 75 held a special meeting on Tuesday afternoon for the installation of their new elective and appointive officers for the coming year with the Grand Worthy Matron, Mrs. Ruth Bangham of Albion, Mich., as installing officer. The officers installed are as follows: Mrs. Carrie Wilson, matron; George Foster, patron; associate matron, Ethel Belding; conductress, Mildred Brown; associate conductress, Alta Arnold; secretary, Elizabeth Hall; treasurer, Grace Strunk; Adah, Hazel Unger; Ruth, Nellie Ames; Esther, Abba Moore; Martha, Modell Doyle; Electa, Mary Purdy; chaplain, Ellen Lapham; marshal, Cora Donovan; organist, Norma Loewe.

The program for the afternoon began with the regular opening of the chapter followed by the initiation of four candidates, then came the installation of new officers by the Grand Worthy Matron, a fine address by the new matron, Mrs. Wilson, and also by Mrs. Bangham, grand worthy matron, giving many helpful suggestions for the work of the chapter. After regular closing of the chapter a fine banquet was served to which about 150 sat down. Thus closed a most enjoyable and helpful afternoon.

Handy Recovered Judgment

The jury in the case of Jay Handy against John Cottrell, which was tried in Justice E. B. Lapham's court last Thursday, returned a verdict in favor of Mr. Handy for \$16.65 and costs.

Mr. Handy brought suit for board and care during sickness and for money loaned to Cottrell. Mr. Cottrell claimed an offset for board and horse keep. Fred L. Warner appeared for the plaintiff and I. L. Hubbell for the defendant. Orby McCoy, L. E. Elkins, Harry Westbrook, A. H. Bricker, Will Ward and Frank Howe composed the jury.

TICKET SALE FOR BIG MUSICAL NIGHT IS GROWING FAST

SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA OF 25 PIECES TO PLAY HERE FRIDAY

Friday evening at the Belding Opera House the big Symphony Orchestra, composed of twenty-five picked musicians, will give a grand concert. It will be the big musical treat of the year. The tickets for the attraction have been selling liberally the past week and every effort is being made to insure the largest musical success for many years. A big

THE SWAN—HULBURT WEDDING A SURPRISE

Mr. Elmer Swan and Miss Vivian Hulburt were married at the Free Methodist parsonage Monday by Rev. J. A. Hudnutt, the ceremony being pronounced at two o'clock, with only a very few of the friends of the bride and groom present, which included her brother, Mr. Henry Hulburt of Lansing, and sister, Miss Dora Hulburt of this city.

Both the bride and groom had managed to keep the date of their union a secret and only a very few of their nearest friends were taken into their confidence. After the marriage, however, the news quickly spread and the happy couple were overtaken at the station and given a good rousing, even the clergyman did not escape that part of the congratulations.

The bride, whose home is in Mantow, has been an employee in the silk mill of Belding Bros. & Co. for a long time and has many friends, while Mr. Swan is a popular and progressive young farmer of Ithaca, where he and Mrs. Swan went on the 2:40 p. m. train, amid a shower of rice and old shoes.

Last Wednesday evening Miss Hulburt was the guest of honor at a miscellaneous shower given for her at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Little in charge of Miss Ola Gardner and Mrs. Little. There were thirty-five guests present and the decorations were very fine and light refreshments were served.

Open Meeting A. O. O. G.
Grattan Arbor A. O. O. G. will hold an open meeting May 6 with Companion Hilton Watkins. County Agricultural Agent H. G. Smith of Grand Rapids will be at the meeting. Everyone is invited. A picnic dinner will be served at noon.

Tom Bookey, Sec'y.

BASE BALL TEAM FOR THIS SEASON IS ALMOST COMPLETE

"EDDIE" WHEELER WILL MAN- AGE—MANY OLD PLAYERS WILL RETURN

The players' slate for this year's baseball team is almost filled. The local committee has secured contracts from almost all the men of last year, and it will only be necessary for the management to place two or three positions to have the same fast diamond machine that held this city's colors so high in baseball circles a year ago.

"Eddie" Wheeler, who finished the season with Belding last year, has been engaged to manage the team. He will cover the middle sack and direct his men's activities from this vantage point. Bailey and Voss are both expected to top the mound and the woods are being raked with a fine-toothed comb to find a third twirler worthy of the local fans' support. Siner is back in the city and will hold down the receiving end of the battery. Bernie Mahoney is marked up for third base again and as a supply behind the oat in emergencies. He will bring with him A. Doty from Yonkers, N. Y., who will wield the big mitt over first. M. McHale, who is known to all the local fans will guard the infield at short and Gould will continue to be the big spy in one of the outer pastures.

The management and fans generally feel that the baseball interests of Belding will be very ably handled by "Eddie" Wheeler. He has had considerable experience in the work and is an earnest worker with plenty of ability for directing the machine. Belding has been fortunate in securing him. He has worked and managed in the Southern Michigan and Central leagues and always with credit to himself and his team.

The first exhibition of the nineteen sixteen team will be held May 30, when the Grand Rapids Eagles will come here for a big double-header. Workouts will begin a week before. Previous to the time of opening some work will be done on the grounds. The field came through the winter in good shape and only a small amount of work will be required on the diamond. The outfield will be filled up and extended to overcome the difficulties suffered last year in fielding the extreme right and center fields.

This city is proud of its baseball spirit. A good team, such as was supported here last year, is of untold value to the city as a means of publicity. From every neck and corner of the State the name of Belding and its ball team was heralded last year. The sport adds life and energy to the local people and causes them to swell with pride when telling of the achievements of the home team.

"THE NAUTICAL KNOT" HIGH SCHOOL OPERETTA

Friday night, May 19 is the time set for the Annual High school operetta to be given in the Belding Opera House. Seventy-five high school students under the direction of Miss Verna Downs, music and drawing director, assisted by Mrs. Earle Wilson, will give the operetta "The Nautical Knot." This is the annual musical feature of the local schools that has been so popular every year.

"The Nautical Knot" is full of opportunities for chorus and solo work that are being developed by the people in charge to make one of the most entertaining engagements held here in years. The particulars regarding "The Nautical Knot" will be announced next week.



A. A. BIFERNO

orchestra of full twenty-five pieces will fill the opera house with music of the very finest.

A. A. Biferno, famous flute soloist, is considered in Grand Rapids to be second to none. In speaking of his wonderful work recently a Grand Rapids paper said: "His qualifications are not surpassed even by any artists that visit this city with the large traveling companies. Biferno's art is not accidental, or something of sudden growth, for he is the son of Antonio Biferno, a flutist famous throughout Europe and now flutist at the Apollo theatre in Syria, Greece."

Besides Mr. Biferno other Grand

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